

## PHILLIP D. PETERS REGIONAL PLANNING FELLOWSHIP 2016 POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning\* (CMAP) and the Steering Committee of the Phillip D. Peters Regional Planning Fellowship Program are pleased to announce the availability of a fellowship during the calendar year 2016 to a qualified Master's degree graduate student in regional planning or a related field. (Profiles of past Fellows can be found at ([www.cmap.illinois.gov/about/careers/peters-fellowship/fellow-profiles](http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/about/careers/peters-fellowship/fellow-profiles)))

The Phillip D. Peters Regional Planning Fellowship was established in 1999 to honor the late Phil Peters, the former Executive Director of the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC). Phil retired in 1999 after completing more than thirty years of extraordinary service to NIPC, during which time he played a major role in the development and implementation of the agency's innovative, comprehensive, and highly-regarded planning program for the Chicago metropolitan area. The fellowship reflects Phil's dedication to NIPC and his personal interest in promoting careers in regional planning.

The fellowship will be awarded during the spring 2016 to a qualified Master's degree graduate student in a field related to regional planning. The objective is to open the fellowship to a broad range of applicants' representative of the full scope of regional planning. A three month/400 hour work experience at CMAP will be provided under the guidance and mentoring of a senior staff member. The fellow will be compensated at the rate of \$18.00 per hour.

Selection will be based upon a combination of educational attainment, relationship of past coursework and employment to the proposed CMAP work assignment(s), and an indication of a career interest in regional planning. An interview will be required for the finalists for the fellowship. Fellowship projects may include work in areas of comprehensive environmental, housing and community development, land use, natural resources, open space and/or transportation planning and involve communications, data collection and analysis, policy analysis, public involvement, and/or research activities. Every effort will be made to match up the education and interest of the fellow with the agency's work program activities, including participation in networking and enrichment opportunities. The project will be scheduled for a mutually convenient period between **May and December 2016**.

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is the official regional planning organization for northeastern Illinois counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will. CMAP developed and now leads the implementation of GO TO 2040, metropolitan Chicago's comprehensive regional plan. To address the anticipated population growth of more than 2 million new residents, GO TO 2040 establishes coordinated strategies that help the region's 284 communities address transportation, housing, economic development, open space, the environment, and other quality-of-life issues. See [www.cmap.illinois.gov](http://www.cmap.illinois.gov) for more information.

**The fellowship competition** is open to students currently enrolled in a Master's degree program in planning or a related field midway through their program. A copy of the application guidelines is attached to this announcement. Please note that the deadline for receiving all application materials is **Friday, February 12, 2016**. The fellow will be announced on **Monday, March 28, 2016**. Questions regarding the fellowship should be directed to Yesenia Ambriz at 312-386-8660 or [yambriz@cmap.illinois.gov](mailto:yambriz@cmap.illinois.gov).

\*To integrate planning for transportation and land use, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning was created by merging the staffs of the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS) and the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC).